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(500) COMMUNIST PARTIES

WASHINGTON, APRIL 23 (AP)—A GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE REPORT SAYS THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 40 MILLION COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS IN THE WORLD WITH 36 MILLION LOCATED IN NATIONS BELONGING TO THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC.

THE LARGEST SINGLE PARTY MEMBERSHIP IS IN RED CHINA, WITH AN ESTIMATED 17 MILLION. MORE THAN 9 MILLION ARE IN THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY.

THE REPORT, PREPARED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR CONGRESS, SAID THE BIGGEST COMMUNIST PARTIES OUTSIDE THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC WERE IN INDONESIA, WITH AN ESTIMATED 1.75 MILLION MEMBERS, AND ITALY, WITH 1.2 MILLION TO 1.5 MILLION. FIGURES FOR THE U. S. COMMUNIST PARTY WERE NOT GIVEN. THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS ESTIMATED THE U. S. PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP AT 10,000.

CUBA'S PARTY MEMBERSHIP WAS ESTIMATED AT 27,000 BUT THE REPORT SAID "THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN CUBA NOW CALLING THEMSELVES COMMUNISTS MAY EXCEED 100,000."

THE REPORT SAID THAT AMONG THE UNITED STATES' ALLIES IN WESTERN EUROPE, THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS BIGGEST IN ITALY AND FRANCE.

IT ESTIMATED FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP AT 250,000, ADDING THAT IT "SUFFERED SEVERE ELECTORAL DEFEAT IN THE 1958 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. . . . HOWEVER, SINCE 1959 WORKERS' DISCONTENT WITH ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND CONSTANT FEAR OF RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM HAVE TENDED TO REDUCE THE PARTY'S POLITICAL ISOLATION."

IN ITALY, THE REPORT SAID, THE PARTY "HAS SUPPORTERS IN ALMOST EVERY SOCIAL CLASS AND EVERY GEOGRAPHIC AREA. . . . THE RECRUITING OF ITS CADRES, MANY OF WHOM WERE FORMED IN 20 YEARS OF UNDERGROUND AND EXILE OPPOSITION TO THE FASCIST REGIME, IS ONE OF THE MAIN SOURCES OF PARTY STRENGTH."

BRITAIN'S COMMUNIST PARTY WAS PEGGED AT 28,000 TO 29,500 AND "IS CONSIDERED INSIGNIFICANT AS A NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY."

IN AFRICA, THE REPORT SAID, "COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE EXIST IN MOROCCO, TUNISIA, SUDAN, MADAGASCAR AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, BUT THE EMERGENCY OF FULL-FLEDGED COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS HAS NOT YET PARALLELED THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW STATES IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA."

THE PARTY'S RELATIVELY LARGE MEMBERSHIP IN INDONESIA "RESTS BASICALLY ON ITS LEGITIMACY AND RESPECTABILITY. . . . ATTRIBUTABLE TO PRESIDENT SUKARNO'S PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF THE PARTY AS A GENUINE PARTICIPANT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND IN THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. . . ."

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IN A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BREAKDOWN, THE REPORT HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP IN SINO-SOVIET-SINO BLOC NATIONS:

RUSSIA--THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION HAD 5,872,316 MEMBERS AND 843,489 CANDIDATE MEMBERS. "THE PARTY CONSTITUTES ABOUT 7 PER CENT OF THE ADULT POPULATION." THERE HAS BEEN "AN UNUSUALLY RAPID AND ACCELERATING GROWTH" SINCE JANUARY 1960. THE PARTY IS "UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE RULING ORGAN OF SOVIET SOCIETY AND WHILE THE DEGREE OF ITS POPULAR SUPPORT IS QUESTIONABLE, BROAD ACQUIESCENCE TO ITS RULE IS NOT."

COMMUNIST CHINA--"DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULTED IN RISE OF POPULAR DISCONTENT, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS, WHICH THE REGIME HAS ATTEMPTED TO MEET BY A TEMPORARY RELAXATION OF ITS MORE RIGID POLICIES IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF ACTIVE OR EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE REGIME, AND THE GENERAL MOOD OF THE PEOPLE APPEARS TO BE ONE OF APATHY AND PASSIVE RESIGNATION."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA--PROBABLY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP WITH 1.5 MILLION MEMBERS, ABOUT 11.6 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.

JAPAN'S COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP WAS RECKONED AT 80,000 TO 100,000. THE REPORT SAID IT DRAWS MOST OF ITS MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS FROM INTELLECTUALS, WHITE COLLAR WORKERS AND INDUSTRIAL LABORERS. "FAILURE TO WIN MASS SUPPORT AMONG THE WORKERS, HOWEVER, IS ONE OF ITS MAJOR WEAKNESSES."

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